

bedding plants to stock the garden with, that I hope to keep from year to year in a flower pit with a stove in it that I have in mind, if god-mother's fifty pounds hold out; and I think they will, because Evan has been so good and forgiven me a small sheaf of bills that I expected to pay from it, so that it's only been sampled as yet. These plants are heliotrope, scarlet and fragrant geraniums, lemon verbenas, tender roses, chrysanthemums, both Japanese and Chinese; dahlias, double, single, and cactus, and gladioli in plenty.

How long it will seem from the time my seed list goes until the hot-bed is ready for the planting! Middle March is quite early enough, because, if you begin sooner, unless you pot off the plants, they grow too big, and are mashed when the sashes are opened and closed.

I haven't shown Evan the list of things that I ordered from the "Yellow Journal" catalogue, and now he is over in father's study, where he has politely gone to take a hand at whist, so I will not disturb him.

Father wishes to interest the local clergy in the hospital and have them all on the board, so that the institution shall be unsectarian, but not irreligious, which is what that poor word often seems interpreted to mean. I wonder how it will work!

If sects could exist without bigotry, I think it would be so much better than trying to abolish them. As this is a material, and not a spiritual world, a certain amount of competition seems necessary to keep things going; so religion has got to have a physical body and sex, so to speak, just the same as people. Only cherubim and seraphim can afford to do without either.

Three of the clergy dined here to-night—the Roman Catholic, the Anglican Catholic (ours), and the Severely Protestant.

We had a very good dinner—that is always a safe thing; but if the Board meetings are to be like the conversation, I'm afraid they won't do, for there will be no food as a bond of sympathy.

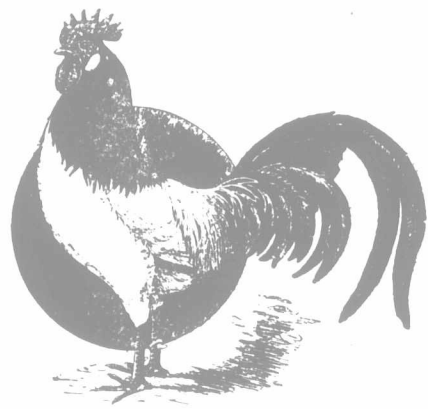
The S. P. bubbled over with good fellowship of the "dear sister in the faith" order, only he took it that everybody else was of his opinion, and didn't wait to see. He is a peculiar man, and religiously inconsistent, constantly doomed to deplore his own actions. He has, like John Rogers, nine children, which he uses alternately as flags of triumph and alms basins. As it is spring, he waved them vigorously at the R. C.; autumn, the time of new shoes and flannels, is the alms-basin season. The R. C. ate in comparative silence, watched, fed the dogs quietly, and—smiled. The A. C., really a charming and cultivated man, felt himself between two fires, and was so aggressively uncomfortable that I did not know him.

The reason that Evan is over there playing whist is because the S. P. doesn't believe in cards, or at least says politely that he "can't play." Blessed "can't." Neither can I. The card cell was left out of my brain, or perhaps was early absorbed by the gardening cell, which should lie next door to it, both being games of chance.

My defect, however, has kept us from joining the Hillside Social Whist Club, without giving offence, because, of course, Evan isn't expected to go without me, and for a person who can't play to join a whist club of seasoned matrons and patrons would be worse than for a blind man to go to a pantomime.

Then, permanent clubs, that go on winter after winter (I think Aunt Lot joined this one when I was sixteen), are so—well, so stupefying, to say the least; and the supper is likely to be of what Evan calls the surprise order, because you are surprised to get any, and I'm so hungry if I sit up after ten o'clock in winter. Then imagine voluntarily leaving a tete-a-tete with Evan in a garden full of books all in full bloom, not to mention seed catalogues, for

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Ah, the S. P. is taking it! Yes, of course, "a little for the stomach's sake," etc.; he has a cold, and father is prescribing it professionally. Wicked father! All three have colds!

The R. C. smiles and makes no apologies. He seems a companionable sort of fellow, after all.

(To be continued.)

GOSSIP.

Clydesdale importations for Canada, which sailed from Glasgow the first week in March, included consignments by T. H. Hassard, Markham, Ont.; T. D. Elliott, Bolton, Ont.; Joseph McKenzie, Kirkfield, Ont.; C. F. Lyell, Strome, Alta.; Alex. Murray, Calgary, Alta.; I. S. Lee, Hazelcliff, Sask.; Francis Nicolson, Perley, Sask.; R. R. McKerracher, Stonewall, Man.; H. M. Lusk, Okotoka, Alta. The total number of Clydesdales exported since January 1st, 1911, is 264, as against 200 for the same period of 1910.

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